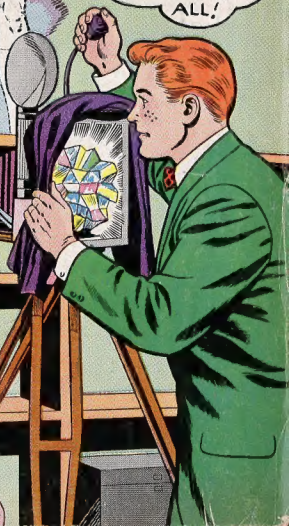


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Featuring
**"The SECRET of
 KRYPTONITE
 SIX!"**

JIMMY, WHEN YOU
 PUBLISH THIS
 PHOTOGRAPH, BE SURE
 TO TELL YOUR READERS
 THERE ARE ONLY **FIVE**
 TYPES OF **KRYPTONITE**
 IN EXISTENCE!

SUPERMAN
 DOESN'T KNOW
 THAT HIS BEST
 PAL, JIMMY OLSEN,
 IS ABOUT TO
 EXPOSE HIM TO THE
 NEW **JEWEL
 KRYPTONITE**--
 THE MOST FANTASTIC
 TYPE OF THEM
 ALL!



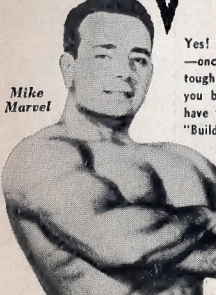
BOYS!

MEN!

MY SECRET NEW DYNAFLEX METHOD

CAN BUILD YOU A MAGNIFICENT NEW HE-MAN-MUSCLED BODY IN JUST TEN MINUTES A DAY—with absolutely NO weights—NO bar-bells—NO EXERCISE AT ALL!

Mike Marvel



Yes! If they LAUGH at you now when you take off your shirt—they'll be amazed—once they've seen the rugged DYNAFLEX BODY I can give you! I'll build you a tough massive body—shoulders clad with solid inches of he-man BRAWN. I'll give you bulging biceps, trip-hammer fists, power-packed legs, and a chest that will have you popping the buttons off your shirt with pride! (—says MIKE MARVEL, "Builder of Champion Bodies")

In my classes this same course of Instruction would cost \$110.00.

Or is your problem a body sagging with soft rolls of unhealthy, handsome FAT? My muscles—sagging, stomach—bloated face—arms heavy with layers of BLUBBER! Are you ASHAMED to go to the beach and let them see your "FAT-MAN PHYSIQUE"?

If so, wake up fellow THIS IS IT! I will need off that fat and give you a lean virile DYNAFLEX BODY, armored with a sheath of hard tough handsome muscle. I can build you into a beautiful streamlined HERCULES—burning with dynamic mighty strength. I'll give you a steel rock-hard midsection—legs muscled like cold steel springs. I can pack solid DYNAMITE into your fists and give you a full armful of the magnetic SUPER-BOY FORCE! And with NO starvation diets—NO fatiguing calisthenics! NO expensive health-treats!

ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PE?

Whether you're thin and scrawny, or sagging with unightly fat—my secret DYNAFLEX method will cram pep, vigor and redoubled vitality into your puny, exhausted body. Once DYNAFLEX makes you a two-toned dynamo of manly beauty, rippling with power, glowing with magnetic ardor—you'll be bursting with set-up-angry. Man, you'll be really ALIVE—tingling with heat and rip-roaring energy—for the first time in years!

PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddy told me about DYNAFLEX. It really worked—and how! I've put two inches of solid muscle on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!" L. C. New York City.

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ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—lanky shoulders—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do they laugh and grin when you take off your shirt?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely human MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that caved-in chest and build on six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SIZED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT RIPPLING DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will have them gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise. NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

FREE! "SECRETS OF BEING ATTRACTIVE!"

Fellow: Mail the coupon now, and receive Mike Marvel's FREE GIFT to you! This exciting and informative book, Discover a secret method for developing a new, almost MAGNETIC way of being attractive and popular! At parties, dances, at the beach—you will have the people clustering around you breathlessly, while the guys watch enviously, that they will say, "That WE don't have!" The answer is in this book. Mike Marvel's your GIFT from Mike Marvel. Fill out and mail the coupon NOW!



HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no tiresome exercises, "crash" diets, protein foods, and weights or bar-bells. DYNAFLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the Science of Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAFLEX you "flex" each muscle once—in a certain way—that must be done. It's not the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, heaving heavy weights.

DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, steely fullness and easy symmetry. DYNAFLEX packs that muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day, I can cover your bony frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest—solid shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection—and trim, steel-spring legs—simply thru "DYNAFLEXING" each muscle once a day! There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight-lifting method. But why bother? Why waste time and money, why sweat and strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical RAMSON-STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—higher—faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET?

STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S ADMIR'D!

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, irresistible build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. He's a fellow with TWO-PISTED BIG MUSCLE APPEAL. They only laugh at skinny guys or "faisos."

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and triceps on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crummed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pump your body with energy and stamina that will help make you popular.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAFLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, hey, say goodbye to your weak, baby frame—not ready for adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to know you see your MAGNIFICENT HE-MAN MUSCLES in the mirror or gym. And, when the fellows stare with envy and jealousy—when friends crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps or touch your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement HOW you did it—tell them about the Magic Secret of DYNAFLEX!

Your Pal,
MIKE MARVEL

"Builder of Champion Bodies"

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SUPERMAN

JOY REIGNS IN THE PHANTOM ZONE! FROM THE PRISON OF THEIR TWILIGHT DIMENSION THE CRIMINALS GLOAT! FOR, AT LAST THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN IS IN THEIR POWER... AND NOTHING CAN SAVE HIS CAREER UNTIL HE SOLVES THE DIABOLICAL--

HA, HA! THAT CHUMP, SUPERMAN DOESN'T DREAM HOW JEWEL KRYPTONITE WILL AFFECT HIS LIFE!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, JIMMY! THIS SO-CALLED JEWEL KRYPTONITE CAN'T AFFECT ME IN THE LEAST--THERE ARE ONLY FIVE FORMS OF KRYPTONITE!

SECRET OF KRYPTONITE SIX!



ONE DAY, AS DAILY PLANET REPORTERS CLARK KENT AND JIMMY OLSEN COVER A MOCK "INVASION" BY U.S. MARINES...

WOW! WHAT A SHOT! THIS LANDING OPERATION LOOKS LIKE THE REAL THING!

THAT SHELL-FIRE IS MAKING ME NERVOUS!

BA RROOOM



SUDDENLY...

ER... EXCUSE ME, JIMMY! I JUST REMEMBERED AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT! SEE YOU LATER!

CLARK! THERE'S NO DANGER! THEY'RE USING DUMMY AMMUNITION! HOW CHICKEN CAN YOU GET?



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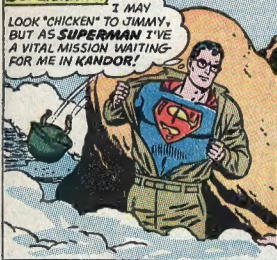


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BUT UNDER COVER OF THE BATTLE-SMOKE, TIMID CLARK KENT SWITCHES TO THE MIGHTY SUPERMAN...

I MAY LOOK "CHICKEN" TO JIMMY, BUT AS SUPERMAN I'VE A VITAL MISSION WAITING FOR ME IN KANDOR!

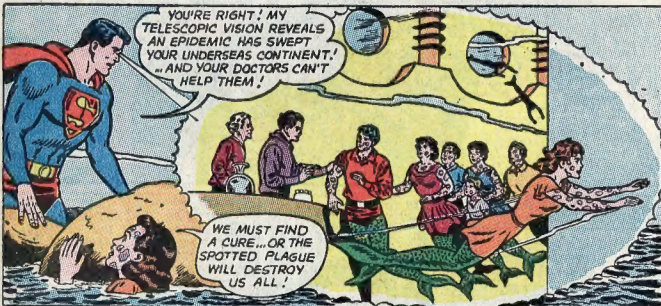


STREAKING DOWN THE COAST, THE MAN OF STEEL SPOTS A FAMILIAR FIGURE...

IT'S LORI, THE MERMAID! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU ACT WEAK, AND YOUR SKIN IS ALL BLOTCHED!



SUPERMAN... ATLANTIS HAS BEEN HIT BY A DEADLY SPOTTED PLAGUE! GASP! IT WEAKENED OUR TELEPATHIC POWERS, SO I COULDN'T CONTACT YOU BEFORE!



YOU'RE RIGHT! MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS AN EPIDEMIC HAS SWEEPED YOUR UNDERSEAS CONTINENT! ... AND YOUR DOCTORS CAN'T HELP THEM!

WE MUST FIND A CURE...OR THE SPOTTED PLAGUE WILL DESTROY US ALL!

LORI, I'M EXPECTED AT A CRUCIAL MEETING IN KANDOR! THE MOMENT I'M FINISHED, I'LL BEGIN WORKING ON A CURE FOR THE SPOTTED PLAGUE!



I'LL TELL THE OTHERS! ... HURRY, SUPERMAN! OUR LIVES DEPEND ON YOU!

AT SUPER-SPEED, HE FLASHES TO HIS ARCTIC FORTRESS, WHERE STANDS THE CITY OF KANDOR, ONCE SHRUNKEN TO TINY SIZE AND IMPRISONED IN A BOTTLE BY THE SPACE-VILLAIN, BRAINIAC...

THIS REDUCING RAY WILL SHRINK ME TO MICROSCOPIC SIZE SO I CAN ENTER THE BOTTLE!





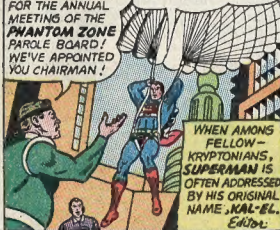
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AS SUPERMAN PARACHUTES DOWN TO THE FABULOUS CITY...

GREETINGS, KAL-EL! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PHANTOM ZONE PAROLE BOARD. WE'VE APPOINTED YOU CHAIRMAN!

THANK YOU! WE'LL GO TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE AT ONCE!

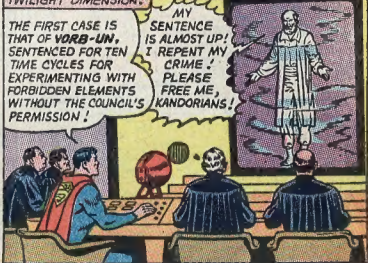


WHEN AMONG FELLOW-KRYPTONIANS, SUPERMAN IS OFTEN ADDRESSED BY HIS ORIGINAL NAME, KAL-EL.
Editor:

SOON, VIA A SPECIAL MONITOR SCREEN EQUIPPED WITH A ZONE-O-PHONE, THE BOARD HEARS AN APPEAL FROM THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION!

THE FIRST CASE IS THAT OF VORB-UN, SENTENCED FOR TEN TIME CYCLES FOR EXPERIMENTING WITH FORBIDDEN ELEMENTS WITHOUT THE COUNCIL'S PERMISSION!

MY SENTENCE IS ALMOST UP! I REPENT MY CRIME! PLEASE FREE ME, KANDORIANS!



THEN, THE DECISION...

FREE AT LAST! THANKS, SUPERMAN! I PROMISE TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN OF KANDOR!

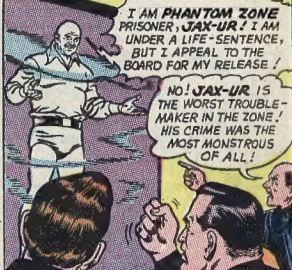
CONSIDERING YOUR ADVANCED AGE AND SINCERE REMORSE, WE'RE PAROLING YOU! THIS RAY WILL RELEASE YOU FROM THE ZONE!



BUT AS THE NEXT CASE IS CALLED...

I AM PHANTOM ZONE PRISONER, JAX-UR. I AM UNDER A LIFE-SENTENCE, BUT I APPEAL TO THE BOARD FOR MY RELEASE!

NO! JAX-UR IS THE WORST TROUBLE-MAKER IN THE ZONE! HIS CRIME WAS THE MOST MONSTROUS OF ALL!



IT IS TRUE! I DEvised A RAY WHICH DESTROYED AN INHABITED MOON OF KRYPTON!

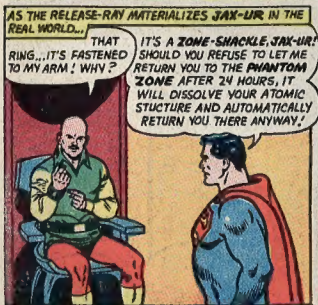
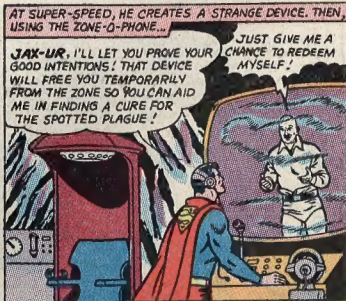
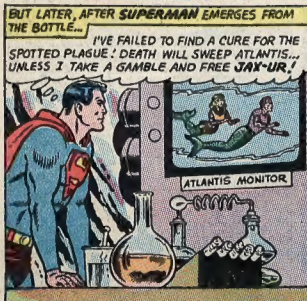
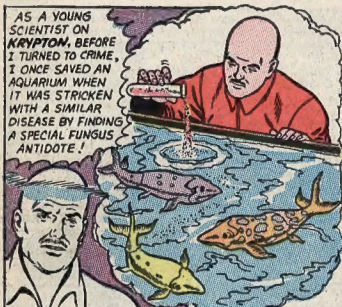


I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON! LET ME REDEEM MYSELF! KAL-EL, I CAN HELP YOU END THAT GHASTLY SPOTTED PLAGUE IN ATLANTIS!





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SHORTLY... JUST AS I PREDICTED! HE'S MELTING THE SHACKLE WITH HIS FLAME BREATH!

ULP! HE'S VANISHING INTO THIN AIR! WHERE IS HE DISAPPEARING TO?



WATCH THAT MONITOR SCREEN! THE CREATURE HAS BEEN TELEPORTED TO HIS NATIVE WORLD...A FIERY, BARREN PLANET...UNDER A RED SUN!



I SEE! THAT'S WHERE I'D GO IF I TAMPERED WITH THE SHACKLE! BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO THREATEN ME! I TOLD YOU I'VE REFORMED!

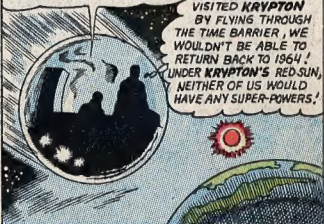
MOMENTS LATER... JAX-UR! YOU SAID YOU'D HELP FIND A CURE FOR THE SPOTTED PLAGUE! WHY ARE YOU GOING INTO THAT TIME CAPSULE?

BECAUSE THE ANTIDOTE FOR THAT DISEASE IS FOUND ONLY IN THE PAST! COME WITH ME!



AS THE CAPSULE HURTTLES INTO THE PAST...

THERE'S OUR DESTINATION! **KRYPTON**, OUR NATIVE PLANET, BEFORE IT WAS DESTROYED!



THAT EXPLAINS HIS TAKING THE TIME CAPSULE! IF WE VISITED **KRYPTON** BY FLYING THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RETURN BACK TO 1964! UNDER **KRYPTON'S** RED SUN, NEITHER OF US WOULD HAVE ANY SUPER-POWERS!

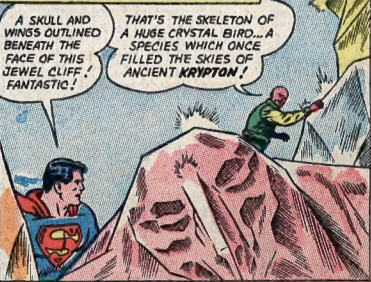
SOON... WE'RE HEADING FOR MY OLD SECRET LABORATORY! THE CAPSULE STAYS HERE BECAUSE THE MAGNETIC EFFECT OF THE MOUNTAINS MAY DAMAGE THE CONTROLS!

THE JEWEL MOUNTAINS! WHY DID WE LAND HERE?



AS THEY ASCEND THE GLITTERING PEAKS...

A SKULL AND WINGS OUTLINED BENEATH THE FACE OF THIS JEWEL CLIFF! FANTASTIC!



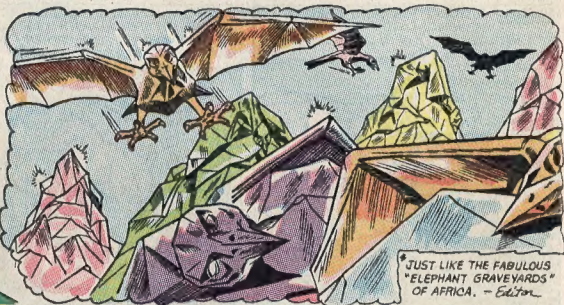
THAT'S THE SKELETON OF A HUGE CRYSTAL BIRD...A SPECIES WHICH ONCE FILLED THE SKIES OF ANCIENT **KRYPTON**!



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* IN PREHISTORIC AGES, SWARMS OF THESE BIRDS INSTINCTIVELY CAME HERE TO DIE! * THEIR SKELETONS WERE TRANSFORMED INTO THESE LIVING JEWEL MOUNTAINS... "



* JUST LIKE THE FABULOUS "ELEPHANT GRAVEYARDS" OF AFRICA. - Editor

AFTER HOURS OF CLIMBING...

MY SECRET LAB! I CARVED IT OUT OF THE LIVING JEWELS OF THAT CLIFF! WE'LL FIND THE RECORDS OF THE SPOTTED PLAGUE ANTIDOTE THERE!

JAX-UR MUST REALLY HAVE REFORMED TO TAKE ALL THIS TROUBLE TO HELP ME!



BUT, INSIDE JAX-UR'S OLD HEADQUARTERS...

THIS AUTOMATICALLY PREPARED DINNER IS DELICIOUS, JAX-UR! BUT I SUDDENLY FEEL SLEEPY! I GUESS THAT LONG HIKE TIRED ME! AFTER ALL, I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS HERE!

HA! I DOCTORED HIS FOOD WITH THIS DRUG! HE'LL SLEEP FOR HOURS, AND GIVE ME A CHANCE TO CARRY OUT MY SCHEME!



PRESENTLY, AS JAX-UR CLIMBS TO A NEARBY PINNACLE...

BEFORE I TURNED TO CRIME I WAS EXPERIMENTING WITH THESE JEWEL-MINERALS! THIS DEVICE I'M CARRYING AFFECTS THEIR ATOMIC STRUCTURE!



SOON...

THERE! IF I'VE CALCULATED CORRECTLY, WHEN KRYPTON BLOWS UP, A FEW MONTHS FROM NOW, THIS CHUNK OF JEWEL WILL BE HURLED TOWARD THE EARTH! BUT BECAUSE MY DEVICE HAS TRANSMUTED ITS ELEMENTS, THIS MINERAL WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO A NEW FORM OF KRYPTONITE, WITH INCREDIBLE POWERS!





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LATER, IN THE LABORATORY, AS **SUPERMAN** AWAKENS...

I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF! CHECKING THIS MAP FOR THE LOCATION OF THE ANTIDOTE WE NEED TO CURE THE SPOTTED PLAGUE OF ATLANTIS! ACCORDING TO MY NOTES ON THIS MAP, THE ANTIDOTE IS A FUNGUS WHICH GROWS IN THE **SCARLET JUNGLE**! WE'LL USE THE CAPSULE TO GET THERE!

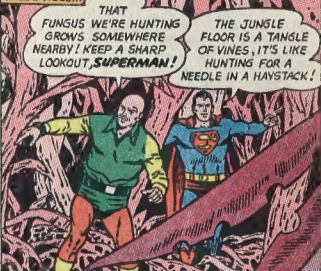
JAX-UR, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



LATER, AS THE CAPSULE ARRIVES IN THE WEIRD WILDERNESS...

THAT FUNGUS WE'RE HUNTING GROWS SOMEWHERE NEARBY! KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT, **SUPERMAN**!

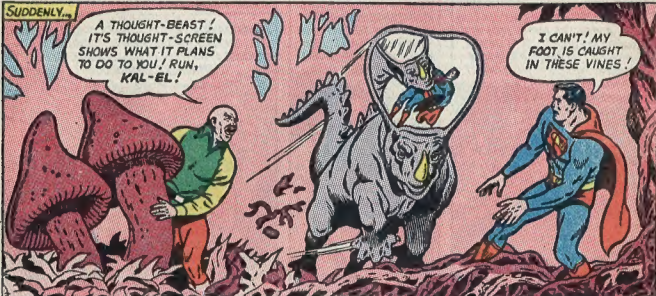
THE JUNGLE FLOOR IS A TANGLE OF VINES, IT'S LIKE HUNTING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK!



SUDDENLY...

A THOUGHT-BEAST! IT'S THOUGHT-SCREEN SHOWS WHAT IT PLANS TO DO TO YOU! RUN, **KAL-EL**!

I CAN'T! MY FOOT IS CAUGHT IN THESE VINES!

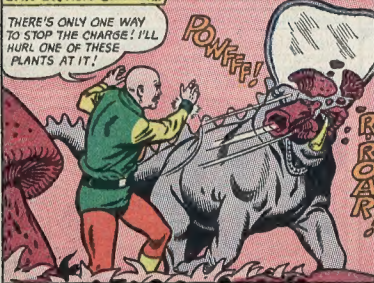


JAX-UR ACTS SWIFTLY...

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP THE CHARGE! I'LL HURL ONE OF THESE PLANTS AT IT!

POWFF!

ROAR!



AS THE STARTLED BEAST THUNDERS OFF...

THANKS, **JAX-UR**! THAT BEAST MIGHT HAVE...

FORGOT IT! THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT! THAT PLANT I THREW AT THE BEAST... IT CONTAINS THE SPORE-DUST WHICH IS THE CURE FOR THE SPOTTED PLAGUE! NOW HELP ME GATHER UP MORE OF THESE FUNGI! WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO EARTH IN TIME TO SAVE ATLANTIS!





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SOON, AS THEY HURTLE BACK THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER...

WE'RE LEAVING THE PAST! CHOKES! THERE'S THE EXPLOSION THAT DESTROYED OUR NATIVE PLANET, KRYPTON! GULP!

THE SENTIMENTAL FOOL DOESN'T REALIZE THAT EXPLOSION IS CREATING A WEAPON THAT WILL DESTROY HIS CAREER! HA, HA!



AS THE CAPSULE ARRIVES IN THE PRESENT...

WELL DONE, JAX-UR! I'M HEADING FOR ATLANTIS WITH THE SPORE ANTIDOTE! YOUR 24 HOURS AREN'T UP YET, SO YOU'LL HAVE SOME TIME LEFT BEFORE THAT SHACKLE RETURNS YOU TO THE PHANTOM ZONE! ENJOY YOURSELF! I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU!

THANKS, SUPERMAN!



SWIFTLY JAX-UR STREAKS INTO SPACE, AND...

AH! MY CALCULATIONS WERE CORRECT! KRYPTON'S EXPLOSION FORMED THAT JEWEL MINERAL INTO JEWEL KRYPTONITE, AND HURLED IT INTO ORBIT AROUND EARTH!

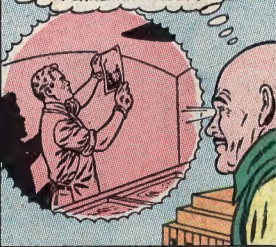


NO ONE KNOWS THE WEIRD POWERS OF THIS KRYPTONITE BUT ME! HA, HA! NOW TO CONTINUE WITH MY PLAN! I'LL BREAK OFF A PIECE AND LEAVE THE REST IN ORBIT!



FLASHING BACK TO EARTH, JAX-UR USES HIS SUPER-VISION...

NOW TO FIND SOMEONE WHOM SUPERMAN TRUSTS! JIMMY OLSEN, HIS BEST PAL, SHOULD BE THE PERFECT TOOL FOR MY SCHEME! THERE'S OLSEN, ALONE IN THE PLANET DARKROOM!



SPINNING THE GLITTERING JEWEL LIKE A TOP, JAX-UR HYPNOTIZES JIMMY...

YOUR WILL IS WEAKENING... WEAKENING! YOU WILL OBEY ME!

YES, MASTER WHAT IS YOUR COMMAND?



MEANWHILE, IN DISTANT ATLANTIS...

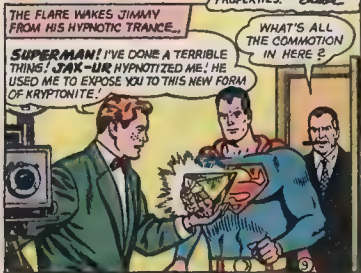
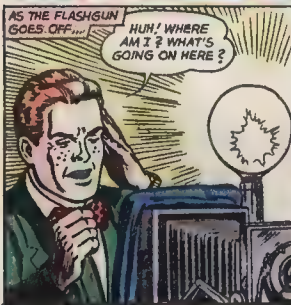
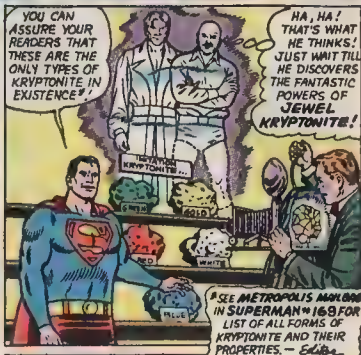
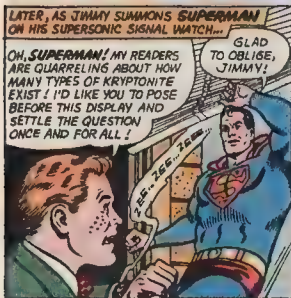
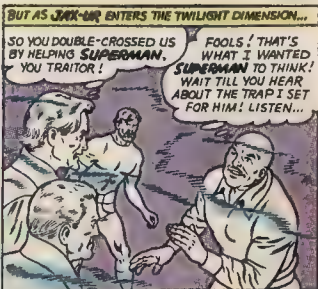
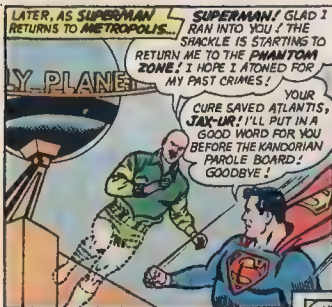
THE CREDIT SHOULD GO TO JAX-UR, LORI!

THAT SPORE DUST WORKS PERFECTLY! IT'S WIPING OUT THE SPOTTED PLAGUE! HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU?





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AS JIMMY COMPLETES HIS STORY...

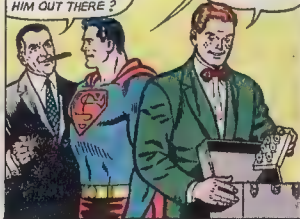
JEWEL KRYPTONITE, EH? I DON'T FEEL ANY REACTION! AND I STILL HAVE MY SUPER-POWERS! SO MAYBE IT'S JUST A FAKE! HOWEVER, TO PLAY SAFE, I'LL HURL IT INTO SPACE!

BAH! IT WAS PROBABLY ONE OF OLSEN'S PIPE-DREAMS, SUPERMAN!



OH, SUPERMAN! OLSEN HAS TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL CELEBRITIES AT THE AIRPORT, BUT OUR HELICOPTER'S BEING REPAIRED! HOW ABOUT FLYING HIM OUT THERE?

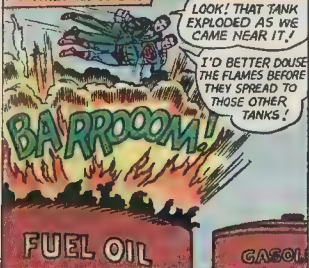
I'LL BE GLAD TO, PERRY! ONE MINUTE WHILE I LOAD UP WITH THESE FLASHBULBS!



BUT AS SUPERMAN FLIES OVER A TANK FARM NEAR METROPOLIS...

LOOK! THAT TANK EXPLODED AS WE CAME NEAR IT!

I'D BETTER DOUSE THE FLAMES BEFORE THEY SPREAD TO THOSE OTHER TANKS!



BUT AS SUPERMAN DESCENDS...

GASP! SUPERMAN! EVERY TANK IN YOUR FLIGHT-PATH BLEW UP! COULD IT BE THE EFFECT OF THAT JEWEL KRYPTONITE?

IT'S POSSIBLE! JEWEL K. MAY BE CAUSING ME TO DETONATE ANY EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL THAT I APPROACH!

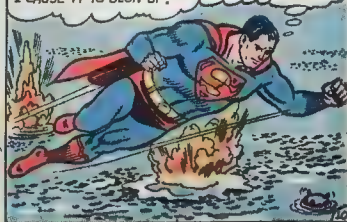


I'LL DROP YOU HERE, JIMMY! IF YOUR THEORY IS RIGHT, I MUST LEAVE THE AREA BEFORE I BLOW UP ALL METROPOLIS!

SUPERMAN! HEAD OUT TO SEA! THERE'S NOTHING TO EXPLODE OUT THERE!



BUT SOON... GREAT KRYPTON! THOSE FLOATING MINES LEFT OVER FROM WORLD WAR II BLEW UP! MY PRESENCE MUST HAVE SET THEM OFF! JIMMY'S RIGHT! I'VE BECOME A MENACE! WHENEVER I COME NEAR ANYTHING WHICH IS EXPLOSIVE, I CAUSE IT TO BLOW UP!





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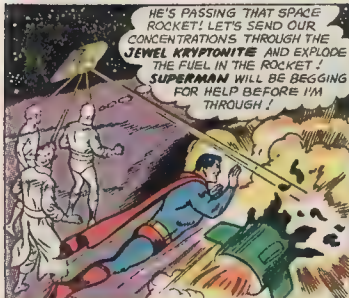
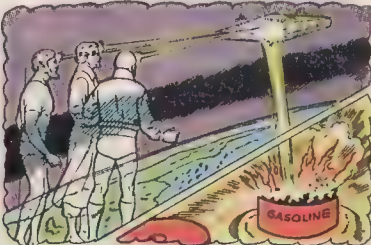
BUT SINISTER EYES WATCH FROM THE **PHANTOM ZONE!**

"GRAN!!
INSTEAD OF
PROTECTING EARTH,
I'VE BECOME ITS
GREATEST THREAT!
I'LL HEAD INTO
SPACE TO PREVENT
SETTING OFF
MORE BLASTS!"

HA, HA! THE FOOL! THE
JEWEL K DOESN'T REALLY
AFFECT **SUPERMAN!**
BUT IF HE THINKS HE'S A
MENACE, I'LL BE ABLE TO
MAKE HIM RELEASE US
FROM THE ZONE!



"ACTUALLY, THAT CHUNK OF **JEWEL KRYPTONITE** IN ORBIT **MAGNIFIES** OUR MENTAL COMMANDS AND CONVERTS THEM INTO ENERGY BEAMS WHICH DETONATE ANY EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL WE DESIRE..."



HE'S PASSING THAT SPACE
ROCKET! LET'S SEND OUR
CONCENTRATIONS THROUGH THE
JEWEL KRYPTONITE AND EXPLODE
THE FUEL IN THE ROCKET!
SUPERMAN WILL BE BEGGING
FOR HELP BEFORE I'M
THROUGH!

NEXT MOMENT...



!ULP!! I BLEW UP THAT
ROCKET! I'M A MENACE
IN SPACE, TOO! THERE'S
ONLY ONE WAY OUT
OF THIS GHASTLY
DILEMMA! I MUST GET
BACK TO MY
FORTRESS!

SOON, AT **SUPERMAN'S** ARCTIC HEADQUARTERS...

SUPERMAN! JIMMY
TOLD ME OF YOUR
PROBLEM! CAN I
HELP?

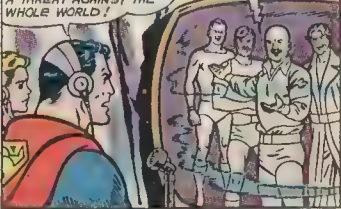
NO, **SUPERGIRL!**
THERE'S ONLY ONE
MAN WHO CAN AID ME!
MUST ACTIVATE THE
ZONE-O-PHONE TO
CONTACT HIM!



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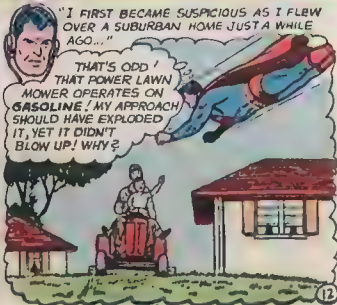
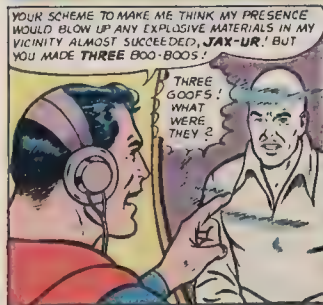
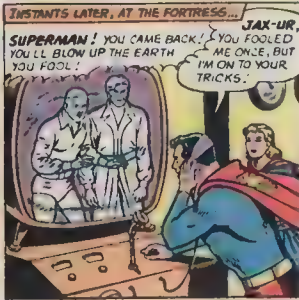
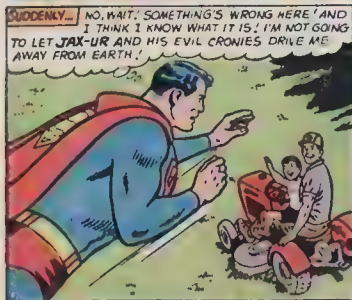
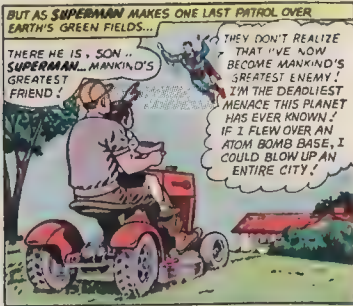
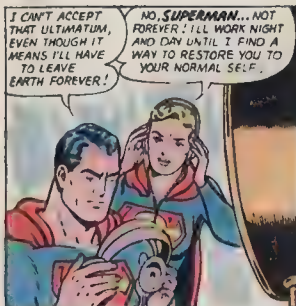
JAX-UR,
YOU BETRAYED MY TRUST!
BY EXPOSING ME TO
JEWEL KRYPTONITE
YOU'VE TURNED ME INTO
A THREAT AGAINST THE
WHOLE WORLD!

RELAX, **SUPERMAN!**
I CAN CURE YOU! BUT
IN RETURN, YOU MUST
RELEASE **EVERY**
CRIMINAL IN THE
PHANTOM ZONE!



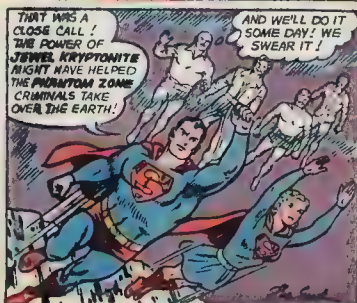
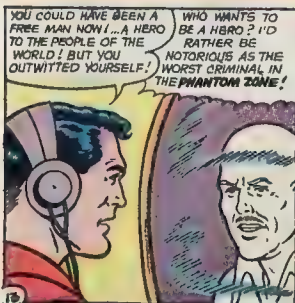
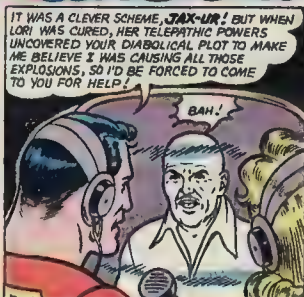
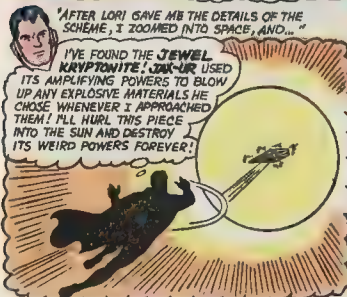
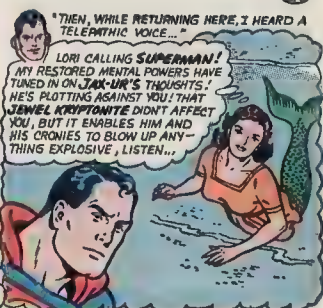
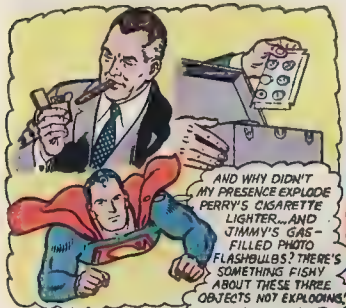


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Metropolis Mailbag

Dear Editor: Your recent story, "Clark Kent, Target for Murder", is the kind of story I've dreamed of reading. Why? It showed SUPERMAN at his best. There were no corny machines in this story. The Man of Steel used his super powers and his wits to solve his problems. Nor were there any super-beings to cheapen the story. And you spared us such formula props as Kryptonite, the Bottle of Kandor, etc., to mess it up. It was one of the best stories I've seen in years in your comics. Let's have more of this type in the future!—John Pierce, Gloucester, Ohio.

(If you liked this yarn, we predict you'll flip over the two-part Luthor novel in the next issue of our companion magazine, SUPERMAN, Part I is entitled, "Lex Luthor, Super-Hero." Part II is called "Lex Luthor, Daily Planet Editor."—Ed.)

Dear Editor: You have often established that SUPERMAN does not want people to know the secret location of his Fortress of Solitude. However, in a story you published some time ago, "The Interplanetary Olympics", you show the Man of Steel taking Lana Lang to his Fortress in a helicopter. So Lana was able to see the way to his secret citadel. Was this a boo-boo?—Jacqueline Ungrady, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Superman's Fortress is bordered by thousands of square miles of Arctic wasteland, so if Lana tried to spot it by herself it would be like looking for a needle in a haystack. Besides, the compass of her helicopter was not functioning properly at the time of her flight, so she would not know how to re-trace her course.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In numerous stories you mention a serum which can give a human being super-powers. As a loyal reader of your magazines, how about giving me the formula? I'd love to be "super."—Bruce Goldstein, Hicksville, N. Y. (Sorry, but the serum works only on people

with a rare blood type, which we don't think you have.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: What would happen if SUPERMAN exposed himself to some Red K while another piece was affecting him? Would the second chunk cancel out the effect of the first one or would it affect him after the effect of the first one had worn off? Could he use this trick to cancel out the undesirable effect of a piece of Red K?—Martin Phillips, Tottenham, London, England.

(Oddly enough, the point you raise is the basis for a Red K story we have in the works. This story will answer your questions—and give you the surprise of your life.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the story, "Supergirl's Wedding Day", you show Tor-An locked up in a Kryptonite cage. Wouldn't the Kryptonite kill him? If not, why couldn't he have used his super-strength to break out?—Jeffrey Plissner, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(Just as there is 18-Karat gold and 14-Karat gold, Kryptonite comes in various "proofs", ranging from 100% to 30%. The bars of Tor-An's cage were made of 35% proof Kryptonite, too weak to kill him, but strong enough to curb his super-strength.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I think I have found a very big boo-boo. In ACTION No. 291, the Superman Emergency Squad is shown dressed in Superman costumes. But in JIMMY OLSEN No. 73, we see them dressed in their native Kandorian costumes. Except for this inconsistency, I enjoyed both stories very much.—Eric Enfield, Birmingham, Ala.

(The tiny Kandorians wore Superman costumes when their existence was still a secret. But now that the whole world knows about them, there is no reason why they shouldn't wear their everyday garb.—Ed.)

SUPERMEN OF AMERICA

SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE

(Code Neptune No. 7)

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SUPERMAN,

c/o ACTION COMICS

575 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

Dear Superman:

Please enroll me as a Member of the SUPERMEN OF AMERICA. I enclose 10c to cover cost of mailing. It is understood that I am to receive my Membership Certificate, Button and Superman Code.

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MARCH



This is **SGT. ROCK**
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BIG WAR ANNUAL!

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THE 4TH OF JULY!
HIGHER THAN A
SHOOTIN' STAR!
DEEPER THAN A
DIVIN' SUB!
HOTTER THAN A
TORPEDO!

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BATTLE TALES**
THAT KEEP THE ENEMY
FROM SLEEPIN'!

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HEART! ONCE YOU
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*DON'T SAY I
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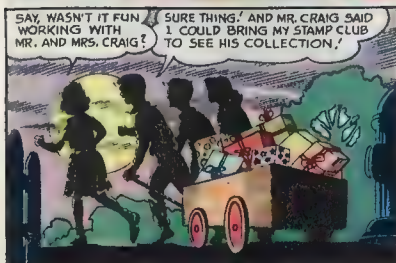
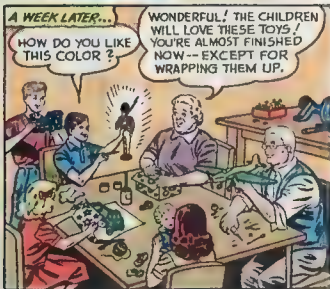
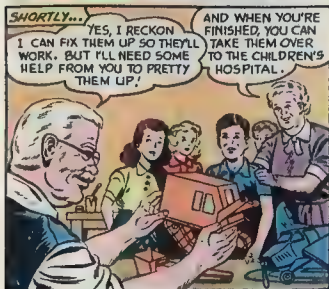
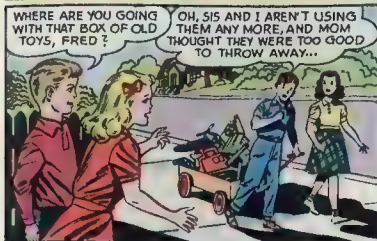


**SGT. ROCK'S
PRIZE BATTLE TALES**



ON SALE
EVERYWHERE
JAN. 23rd

GIVE *and* TAKE



You CAN SHARE WITH THE SENIOR CITIZENS IN **your** COMMUNITY, TOO!
Check this list:

1. ARE THERE ERRANDS OR CHORES YOU CAN DO FOR THEM?
2. COULD YOU TAKE THEM A BOOK TO READ OR TO BE READ TO THEM?
3. CAN THEY TELL YOU SOME INTERESTING HISTORY OF YOUR TOWN?
4. WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXCHANGE HOBBY INFORMATION?

SUPERGIRL

MR. DANVERS, THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR DAUGHTER! BUT NOW THAT WE'VE ESCAPED FROM THE SURVIVAL ZONE, SUPERGIRL WILL COME TO LIVE WITH US, OF COURSE!

GIVING UP OUR FOSTER CHILD WON'T BE EASY, ZOR-EL! BUT WE'LL DO IT-- CHOKE! IF THAT'S WHAT SHE WANTS!

I LOVE BOTH SETS OF PARENTS! HOW CAN I CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM?

FOR YEARS SUPERGIRL HAS BELIEVED HERSELF TO BE AN ORPHAN. IN HER SECRET IDENTITY AS LINDA LEE DANVERS SHE HAS GROWN TO YOUNG WOMANHOOD IN THE HOME OF HER BELOVED FOSTER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. DANVERS. THEN, ONE DAY, FATE REACHES INTO A PHANTOM WORLD TO RESCUE ZOR-EL AND ALLURA, SUPERGIRL'S REAL FATHER AND MOTHER, AND A TORMENTED GIRL MUST MAKE THE HEARTBREAKING CHOICE BETWEEN--

SUPERGIRL'S RIVAL PARENTS!

ONE DAY, IN THE HOME OF LINDA LEE DANVERS, SECRETLY **SUPERGIRL**...

MY X-RAY VISION HAS LOCATED THE WEDDING RING YOU LOST, MOTHER! IT MUST HAVE SLIPPED FROM YOUR FINGER INTO THE DRAIN OF THE KITCHEN SINK!

OH, LINDA, DEAR! HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?

AFTER LINDA CUTS THE PIPE WITH HER HEAT VISION, AND SALVAGES THE RING...

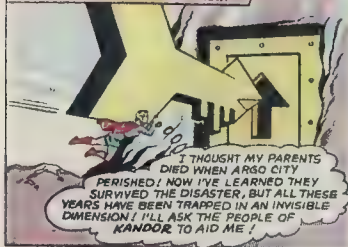
ISN'T SHE WONDERFUL, FRED? I KNOW BECOMING AN ORPHAN WAS THE TRAGEDY OF LINDA'S LIFE! BUT WE'RE THE LUCKIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH TO BE... GULP! I WONDER SUPERGIRL'S FOSTER PARENTS! WITHOUT HER, WHAT THEY'D SAY IF LIFE WOULDN'T BE JUST DISCOVERED MY REAL PARENTS ARE STILL ALIVE!?



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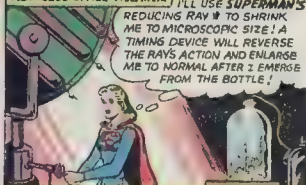


SWITCHING TO **SUPERGIRL**, SHE FLASHES TOWARD **SUPERMAN'S** ARCTIC FORTRESS...



"I THOUGHT MY PARENTS DIED WHEN ARGO CITY PERISHED! NOW I'VE LEARNED THEY SURVIVED THE DISASTER, BUT ALL THESE YEARS HAVE BEEN TRAPPED IN AN INVISIBLE DIMENSION! I'LL ASK THE PEOPLE OF **KANDOR** TO AID ME!"

WITHIN THE FORTRESS, STANDS THE CITY OF **KANDOR**, ONCE SHRUNKEN TO TINY SIZE AND IMPRISONED IN A BOTTLE BY **BRAINIAC**, THE RUTHLESS SPACE VILLAIN...

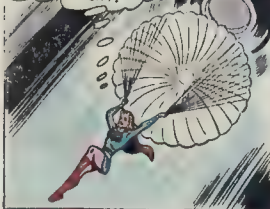


"I'LL USE **SUPERMAN'S** REDUCING RAY * TO SHRINK ME TO MICROSCOPIC SIZE! A TIMING DEVICE WILL REVERSE THE RAYS ACTION AND ENLARGE ME TO NORMAL AFTER I EMERGE FROM THE BOTTLE!"

* THIS RAY IS ENERGIZED BY A RARE ELEMENT, SO IT CAN BE USED ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF TIMES. Editor

PRESENTLY, A MOTE OF A FIGURE FLOATS DOWN FROM THE MOUTH OF THE BOTTLE...

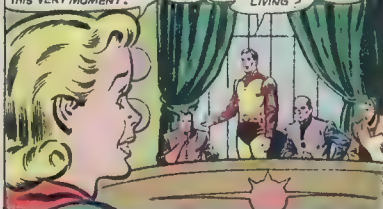
IN **KANDOR'S** ENVIRONMENT, I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS! BUT THIS PARACHUTE WILL LOWER ME SAFELY TO THE CITY!



IN **KANDOR**, **SUPERGIRL** TELLS HER EXCITING NEWS TO THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS...

"IT'S TRUE MY PARENTS SURVIVED THE DOOM OF ARGO CITY! THEY'RE ALIVE THIS VERY MOMENT!"

BUT, **SUPERGIRL**! YOU KNOW THAT RADIATION POISONING KILLED EVERYONE IN ARGO CITY! HOW CAN YOU BE SURE YOUR PARENTS ARE STILL LIVING?



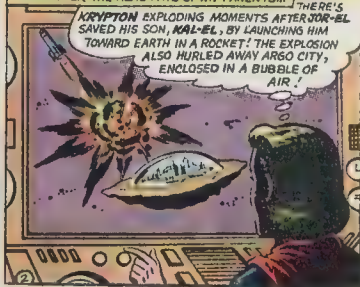
"IT ALL BEGAN WITH WEIRD DREAMS THAT KEPT RECURRING TO ME..."

KARA! WE'RE ALIVE... ALIVE... IN THE ZONE... IN THE ZONE!



* TROUBLED BY THE DREAMS, I USED THE CHRONOSCOPE, INVENTED BY **SUPERMAN**, TO SEARCH THE PAST AND TRY TO DISCOVER THE REAL FATE OF MY PARENTS...

THERE'S **KRYPTON** EXPLODING MOMENTS AFTER **ZOR-EL** SAVED HIS SON, **KAL-EL**, BY LAUNCHING HIM TOWARD EARTH IN A ROCKET! THE EXPLOSION ALSO HURLED AWAY ARGO CITY, ENCLOSED IN A BUBBLE OF AIR!





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"BUT THE ERUPTION HAD MADE THE GROUND UNDER ARGO CITY RADIOACTIVE! HOWEVER MY FATHER, THE SCIENTIST ZOR-EL, FOUND THE SOLUTION..."

QUICKLY! UNROLL THIS SHEET LEAD FROM MY LABORATORY! IT WILL BLOCK THE RADIATION, ENABLING OUR PEOPLE TO LIVE!



IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AFTERWARD THAT ZOR-EL MARRIED THE BEAUTIFUL ALLURA, AND I, KARA, WAS BORN...

INTO THE HOUSE, ALLURA! A METEOR SWARM IS SMASHING HOLES IN THE LEAD SHIELD, THUS RELEASING THE FATAL RADIATIONS! BUT I HAVE ONE HOPE!



"THEN THE CHRONOSCOPE REVEALED A FACT I NEVER KNEW BEFORE..."

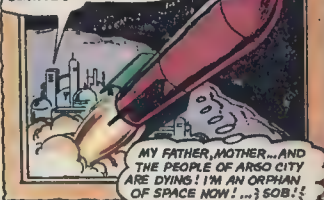
BY MY CALCULATIONS THIS RAY-GUN SHOULD PROJECT US INTO A NEW INVISIBLE DIMENSION, "A SURVIVAL ZONE", WHICH SHOULD PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF ARGO CITY FROM DESTRUCTION! IT'S LIKE THE "PHANTOM ZONE" INTO WHICH WE PROJECT OUR CRIMINALS, EXCEPT THIS ZONE IS ON ANOTHER WAVE-LENGTH!

BUT NOTHING'S HAPPENING! YOUR RAY-GUN IS A FAILURE!



IN DESPERATE HASTE, MY FATHER BUILT A SPACE ROCKET AND LAUNCHED ME TOWARD EARTH JUST AS THE FINAL WAVE OF RADIATION ENSLAFED ARGO CITY...

FAREWELL, KARA! GASP! WE'RE DOOMED, BUT AT LEAST YOU WILL SURVIVE!

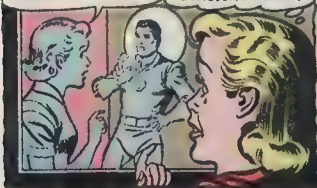


MY FATHER, MOTHER... AND THE PEOPLE OF ARGO CITY ARE DYING! I'M AN ORPHAN OF SPACE NOW! ... SOB! :

I'D ALWAYS BELIEVED MY PARENTS HAD PERISHED WITH THE OTHERS, BUT NOW AS I WATCHED THE CHRONOSCOPE...

THE SURVIVAL ZONE WORKED, AFTER ALL! THE RADIATION CAUSED A DELAYED REACTION! WE'LL BE SAFE IN THIS INVISIBLE DIMENSION!

MOTHER... FATHER! THEY NEVER DIED ON ARGO CITY! SOB! THEY'RE ALIVE IN THE "SURVIVAL ZONE"!



AS SUPERGIRL FINISHES HER STORY...

ZOR-EL WAS SO SAFE! WHAT WONDERFUL NEWS! HOW THRILLING TO KNOW THAT THEY BOTH SURVIVED THE DOOM OF ARGO CITY!

A FRIEND OF MINE! HE OFTEN VISITED KANDOR! YOU MUST TRY TO GET YOUR PARENTS OUT OF THAT INVISIBLE DIMENSION AT ONCE!



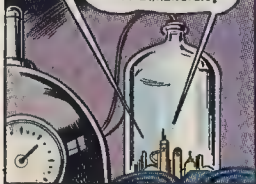


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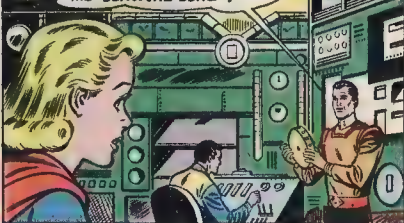


BUT HOW CAN I GET THEM OUT OF THAT UNSEEN DIMENSION WHEN I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO FIND IT? I HAVEN'T HAD A TELEPATHIC DREAM-MESSAGE FROM MY PARENTS FOR DAYS!

WAIT! PERHAPS WE CAN HELP YOU LOCATE THE LOST DIMENSION!



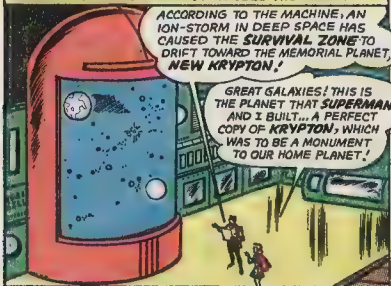
THIS HYPER-SPEED COMPUTER MAY ASSIST US! WE'LL HAVE TO PRINT ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE ABOUT YOUR PARENTS **ZOR-EL** AND **ALLURA** ON THIS PROGRAM TAPE! AND WE'LL INCLUDE ALL THE DATA YOU CAN GIVE ME ON THE "SURVIVAL ZONE"!



PRESENTLY, AS THE COMPUTER ANALYZES THE FACTS...

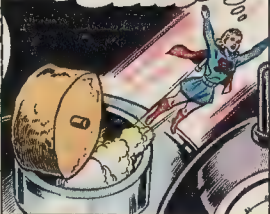
ACCORDING TO THE MACHINE, AN ION-STORM IN DEEP SPACE HAS CAUSED THE **SURVIVAL ZONE** TO DRIFT TOWARD THE MEMORIAL PLANET, **NEW KRYPTON**!

GREAT GALAXIES! THIS IS THE PLANET THAT **SUPERMAN** AND I BUILT... A PERFECT COPY OF **KRYPTON**, WHICH WAS TO BE A MONUMENT TO OUR HOME PLANET!



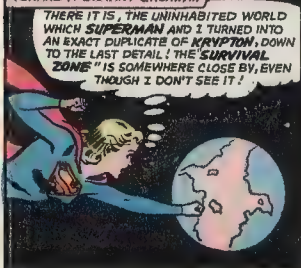
BIDDING A HASTY GOODBYE, **SUPERGIRL** EMERGES FROM THE BOTTLE BY MEANS OF JETS...

I MUST GO TO THE **MEMORIAL PLANET** AT ONCE! I'LL TAKE OFF AS SOON AS THIS REVERSE RAY ENLARGES ME TO NORMAL SIZE!



MOMENTS LATER, AS **SUPERGIRL** STREAKS TOWARD A DISTANT GALAXY...

THERE IT IS, THE UNINHABITED WORLD WHICH **SUPERMAN** AND I TURNED INTO AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF **KRYPTON**, DOWN TO THE LAST DETAIL! THE **"SURVIVAL ZONE"** IS SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T SEE IT!



BUT AS **SUPERGIRL** LANDS, SHE RECEIVES THE SHOCK OF HER LIFE...

KARA! OUR DEAR DAUGHTER! WE'RE SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!

MOTHER! DAD! THEN YOU ESCAPED FROM THE "SURVIVAL ZONE"? HOW WONDERFUL!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG! HOW WE'VE MISSED YOU!





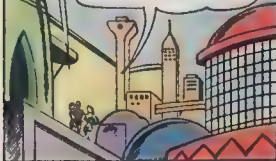
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"**SURVIVAL ZONE**"! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! WE'VE NEVER LEFT THIS PLANET SINCE YOU CREATED US AS PART OF THE ANDROID POPULATION, **SUPERGIRL**!

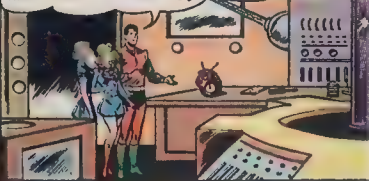
I REMEMBER NOW! YOU'RE MERELY **ANDROID COPIES** OF MY PARENTS! AND MY REAL FATHER AND MOTHER ARE STILL TRAPPED IN THE INVISIBLE WORLD!

PERHAPS I'D BETTER EXPLAIN FROM THE BEGINNING...



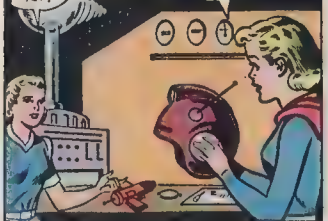
AS **SUPERGIRL** TELLS HER STORY, THE ANDROIDS LEAD HER TO A LAB, WHERE...

WHEN YOU DUPLICATED **KRYPTON**, **SUPERMAN** MADE A COPY OF THIS EXPERIMENTAL LAB, AND EQUIPPED IT WITH SEVERAL UNTESTED INVENTIONS! PERHAPS SOME OF THEM CAN HELP YOU CONTACT YOUR REAL PARENTS! FOR INSTANCE, THIS THOUGHT-CASTING HELMET MAY HELP YOU VISUALIZE YOUR PARENTS AND THEIR TELEPATHIC MESSAGES!



AND THIS VIBRO-PROJECTOR IS SUPPOSED TO SEND YOU INTO ANY DIMENSION YOU DESIRE MOMENTARILY! BUT IT'S NOT PERFECTED YET!

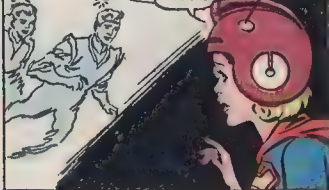
HMM! I'LL TRY THAT THOUGHT-CASTING HELMET FIRST! I WANT TO CONTACT MY PARENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



AS **SUPERGIRL** DONS THE HELMET, TWO VAGUE SHAPES APPEAR...

KARA... DAUGHTER... LISTEN... INSTRUCTIONS... RAY ZONE GUN... FREE US!

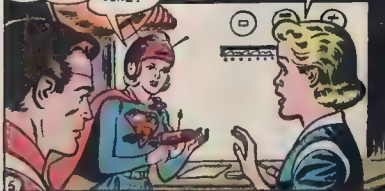
FATHER! MOTHER! I CAN HARDLY SEE YOU! AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE THOUGHT-CASTING! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS HELMET!



DESPERATELY, **SUPERGIRL** TURNS TO THE ANDROIDS FOR HELP...

I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO THEM! HERE, USE THIS VIBRO-PROJECTOR ON ME AND SEND ME INTO THE **SURVIVAL DIMENSION** SO I UNDERSTAND MY FATHER'S INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RELEASE HIM FROM THE ZONE!

NO! I CAN'T USE THAT PROJECTOR ON YOU! IT'S NOT PERFECTED YET! YOU WOULD BE IN DEADLY DANGER!



AS AN ANDROID WHICH I HAVE CREATED, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO MY BIDDING! I ORDER YOU TO USE THAT VIBRO-PROJECTOR ON ME AT ONCE! UNDERSTAND?



VERY WELL, IF THOSE ARE YOUR ORDERS, KARA!



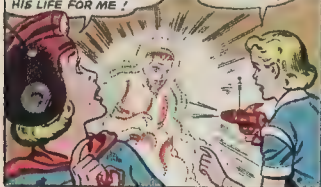
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BUT THE ANDROID DEFIANTLY AIMS THE GUN IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, AND...

GREAT KRYPTON! THAT PROJECTOR IS DISSOLVING THE "ZOR-EL" ANDROID INTO A SHOWER OF MOLECULAR PARTICLES! CHOKE!! HE SACRIFICED HIS LIFE FOR ME!

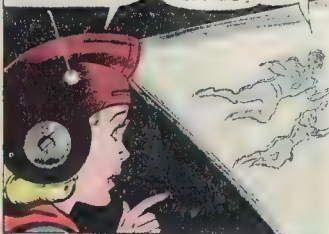
I TRIED TO WARN YOU SUPERGIRL! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO YOU, IF YOU HAD BEEN STRUCK BY THE VIBRATIONS OF THIS GUN!



SUDDENLY...

MOTHER! FATHER! WHAT'S HAPPENING? YOU SEEM TO BE DISAPPEARING!

IT'S THE ZONE... CAUGHT IN THE COSMIC GULF STREAM... DRIFTING BACK TOWARD EARTH... FOLLOW US THERE!



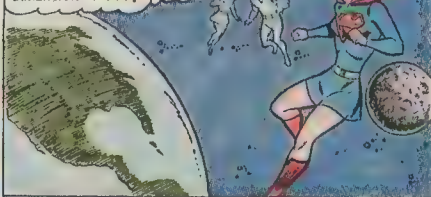
WE'LL MEET YOU ON EARTH... NEED RARE ELEMENTS FOR RAY-GUN... TRY TO RELEASE US FROM "SURVIVAL ZONE"!

THEY'RE VANISHING TOWARD EARTH! I'D BETTER HEAD BACK FOR HOME AT ONCE!



SOON AFTERWARD, AS SUPERGIRL STREAKS EARTHWARD, HER INTUITION DETECTS HER LOVED ONES CLOSE BY...

MOTHER... FATHER! I FEEL YOU ARE SOMEWHERE NEAR ME! I KNOW I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO GET YOU OUT OF THAT DIMENSION PRISON!



THAT EVENING, AFTER SUPERGIRL ARRIVES HOME AND GREETES HER FOSTER PARENTS, THE DANVERS'...

WE'RE GOING TO A MOVIE! WANT TO COME ALONG, DEAR?

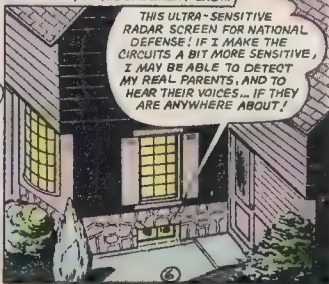
ER... NO! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT EXPERIMENT TO PERFORM IN MY LABORATORY!

CHOKE!! I HATE TO WORK BEHIND THEIR BACKS, BUT I MUST FIND SOME WAY OF BRINGING MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS INTO THE REAL WORLD!



PRESENTLY, IN THE BASEMENT LAB...

THIS ULTRA-SENSITIVE RADAR SCREEN FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE! IF I MAKE THE CIRCUITS A BIT MORE SENSITIVE, I MAY BE ABLE TO DETECT MY REAL PARENTS, AND TO HEAR THEIR VOICES... IF THEY ARE ANYWHERE ABOUT!





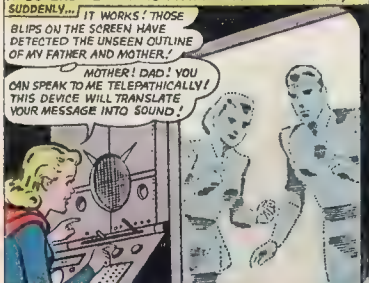
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AS SUPERGIRL ACTIVATES THE HYPER-SENSITIVE SCREEN,

SUDDENLY... IT WORKS! THOSE BLIPS ON THE SCREEN HAVE DETECTED THE UNSEEN OUTLINE OF MY FATHER AND MOTHER!

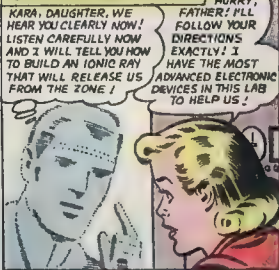
MOTHER! DAD! YOU CAN SPEAK TO ME TELEPATHICALLY! THIS DEVICE WILL TRANSLATE YOUR MESSAGE INTO SOUND!



AND FROM THE LOST WORLD OF THE SURVIVING ZONE COMES A FAMILIAR VOICE...

HURRY, KARA, DAUGHTER, WE HEAR YOU CLEARLY NOW! LISTEN CAREFULLY NOW AND I WILL TELL YOU HOW TO BUILD AN IONIC RAY THAT WILL RELEASE US FROM THE ZONE!

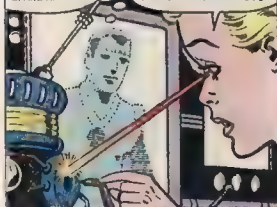
FATHER! I'LL FOLLOW YOUR DIRECTIONS EXACTLY! I HAVE THE MOST ADVANCED ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THIS LAB TO HELP US!



UNDER ZOR-EL'S DIRECTION, SUPERGIRL'S HANDS WORK AT SUPER-SPEED...

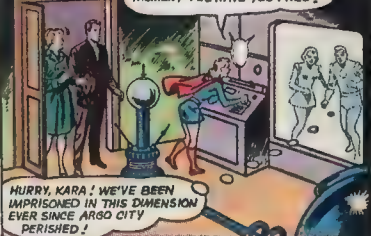
IT'S DELICATE... EXCELLENT, KARA! NOW WELD THE ENERGY COIL TO THE MOLECULAR CALIBRATOR!

WORK, FATHER. I MUST ADJUST MY HEAT VISION TO PINPOINT ACCURACY!



BUT MOMENTS LATER, AS THE BASEMENT DOOR SWINGS OPEN GENTLY...

FATHER...MOTHER! THE RELEASE RAY IS READY! IN JUST A MOMENT I'LL HAVE YOU FREE!



HURRY, KARA! WE'VE BEEN IMPRISONED IN THIS DIMENSION EVER SINCE ARGO CITY PERISHED!

YES, UNKNOWN TO SUPERGIRL, HER FOSTER PARENTS HAVE RETURNED HOME EARLY, AND NOW...

FRED! SUPERGIRL'S KRYPTONIAN PARENTS ARE STILL ALIVE! IF THEY ENTER THE REAL WORLD, THEY'LL TAKE HER FROM US! WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!

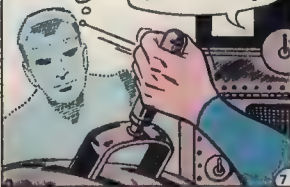
HUSH, DEAR! WE CAN'T INTERRUPT HER AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT! IT COULD MEAN DISASTER TO HER REAL PARENTS!



THEN THE MOST DRAMATIC MOMENT OF SUPERGIRL'S CAREER!

MORE THAN ENOUGH, FATHER! GET SET! WHEN I THROW THIS SWITCH YOU AND MOTHER WILL BE MATERIALIZED INTO THE REAL WORLD!

ONE MORE THING BEFORE YOU ACTIVATE THAT RAY, KARA: ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO ENERGIZE THE COILS?





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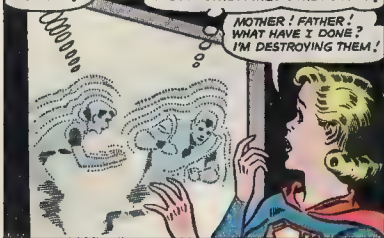


BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT, CATASTROPHE STRIKES...

WE'RE SHRINKING!
COLLAPSING! THE PAIN...
IS EEE!

THE RAY! SOMETHING'S WRONG!
IT'S COMPRESSING OUR INVISIBLE
ATOMIC STRUCTURE! WE'RE DOOMED!

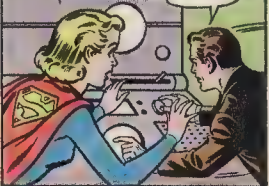
MOTHER! FATHER!
WHAT HAVE I DONE?
I'M DESTROYING THEM!



**IN THE MOMENT OF PERIL, FRED DANVERS
RUSHES FORWARD...**

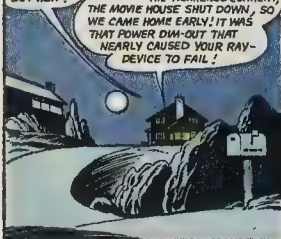
DAD! WHAT ARE
YOU DOING HERE?
NO, DON'T TOUCH
THE CONTROLS!

DON'T PANIC! I'VE BEEN
WATCHING YOU OPERATE
THIS DEVICE! AS AN
ELECTRONICS ENGINEER,
I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG!
TURN THIS DIAL TO **FULL**
POWER!



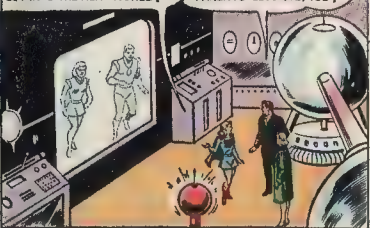
IT'S WORKING! MY
FATHER AND MOTHER
ARE GROWING STRONGER!
BUT HOW?

A DYNAMO BLEW OUT
IN THE MIDVALE POWER
HOUSE! BECAUSE OF
THE WEAKENED CURRENT,
THE MOVIE HOUSE SHUT DOWN, SO
WE CAME HOME EARLY! IT WAS
THAT POWER DIM-OUT THAT
NEARLY CAUSED YOUR RAY-
DEVICE TO FAIL!



MOTHER... DAD! I DIDN'T HAVE THE
HEART TO TELL YOU THAT MY
REAL PARENTS ARE STILL ALIVE
AND THAT I'M BRINGING THEM
OUT INTO THE REAL WORLD!

{CHOKES!} IT ISN'T EASY
FOR US, **SUPergirl!**
BUT WE UNDERSTAND! WE
KNOW YOUR KRYPTONIAN
PARENTS LOVE YOU, TOO!



AND THEN, THE CLIMACTIC MOMENT...

WE'RE COMING THROUGH
NOW! WE'RE BREAKING
OUT OF THE SURVIVAL
ZONE!

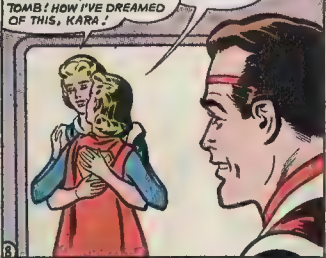
MOTHER!
FATHER!
{SOB!}

KARA,
DARLINGS!



TO HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS
AFTER ALL THOSE LONELY
YEARS IN OUR DIMENSIONAL
TOMB! HOW I'VE DREAMED
OF THIS, KARA!

WE'RE TOGETHER
AGAIN! FOR
ALWAYS!





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AS SUPERGIRL INTRODUCES THE DANVERS...

WE LOVE SUPERGIRL AS IF SHE WERE OUR OWN! CHOKES!! BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO SEE HER REUNITED WITH HER REAL PARENTS!

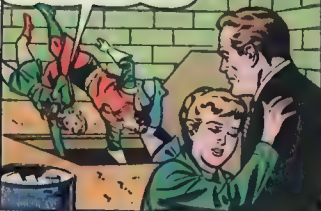
THE DANVERS ARE HEARTBROKEN, BUT THEY'RE READY TO GIVE ME UP IF IT MEANS MY HAPPINESS!! GULP... HOW THEY MUST LOVE ME!



SHORTLY...

MOTHER...DAD,AS KRYPTONIANS,YOU'RE SUPER IN EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT! COME FLY THROUGH MY SECRET TUNNEL! I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO USE YOUR NEW SUPER-ABILITIES!

HOW HAPPY SHE SEEMS WITH HER NEW SUPER-PARENTS!



SOON, AS DAWN BREAKS...

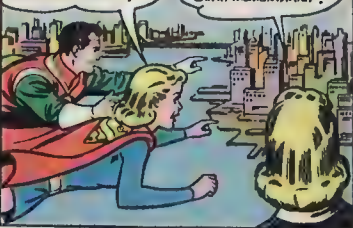
LOOK BELOW! THAT'S THE SPOT WHERE MY ROCKET LANDED WHEN I ARRIVED ON EARTH AS A CHILD! THEY'VE ERECTED A MONUMENT TO MARK IT!



SUPERGIRL'S ROCK

HERE'S THE CITY OF METROPOLIS WHICH I GUARD WHEN SUPERMAN LEAVES EARTH! HOW PROUD I'LL BE WHEN YOU SHARE THAT TASK WITH ME SOON!

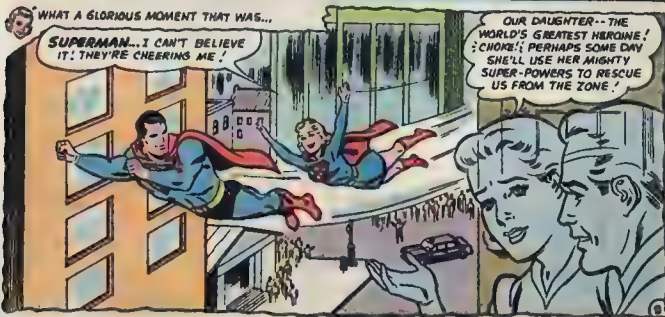
WE WERE HERE ONCE, KARA... WHEN THE SURVIVAL ZONE DRIFTED NEAR EARTH MOMENTARILY!



WHAT A GLORIOUS MOMENT THAT WAS...

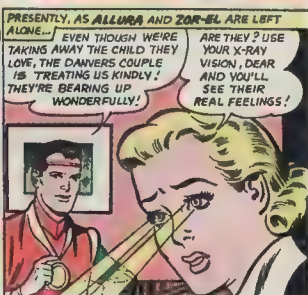
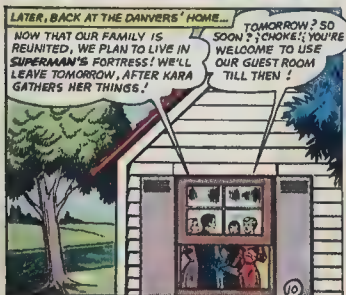
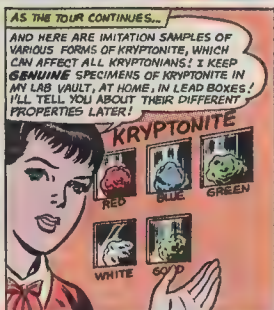
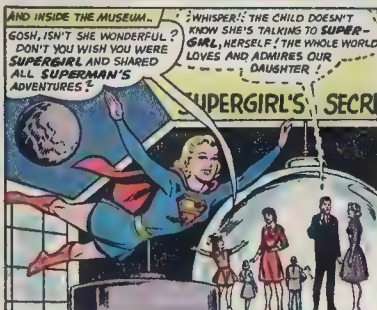
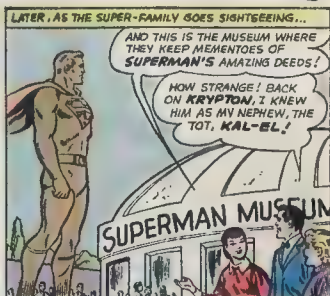
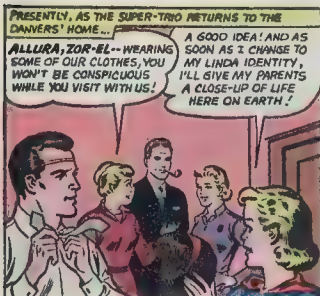
SUPERMAN...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THEY'RE CHEERING ME!

OUR DAUGHTER-- THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROINE! CHOKES! PERHAPS SOME DAY SHE'LL USE HER MIGHTY SUPER-POWERS TO RESCUE US FROM THE ZONE!





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AS THEY PEEK THROUGH THE WALL...

GULP! I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME, BUT YOU'LL HAVE ALL MY TROPHIES TO REMEMBER ME BY!

SOB! IT WILL BE HARD, DARLINGS! BUT YOU'LL BE BETTER OFF WITH YOUR REAL PARENTS! THEIR SUPER-POWERS CAN HELP YOU IN YOUR TASKS!



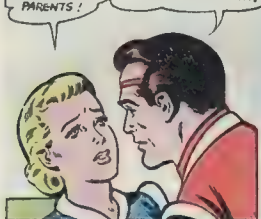
HIDE YOUR GRIEF, MY DEAR, OR YOU'LL BREAK OUR DAUGHTER'S HEART! WE'LL GIVE **SUPERGIRL** AND HER PARENTS A FAREWELL PARTY BEFORE THEY LEAVE TOMORROW!

YES! THEN HER LAST MOMENTS WITH US WILL BE...CHOKE! HAPPY ONES!



THIS IS TERRIBLE! I CAN'T ENJOY OUR HAPPINESS WHEN WE HAVE BROUGHT SUCH GRIEF TO KARA'S FOSTER-PARENTS!

THEY'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR KARA AND FOR US! WE MUST FIND SOME WAY OUT OF THIS GHASTLY PREDICAMENT!



THE NEXT DAY, AS THE DANVERS PREPARE THE FAREWELL PARTY...

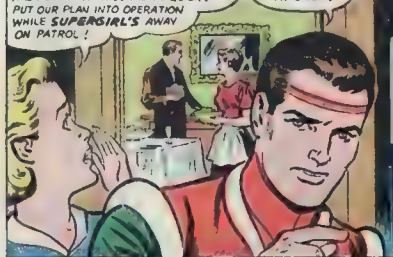
YOU'RE SWEET TO HELP ME, **ALLURA**! THAT KRYPTONIAN RAINBOW CAKE YOU BAKED WITH HEAT VISION LOOKS DELICIOUS!

JUST WAIT TILL YOU TRY THAT DESSERT OF A HUNDRED FLAVORS WHICH **ZOR-EL** IS FREEZING WITH HIS SUPER-BREATH!



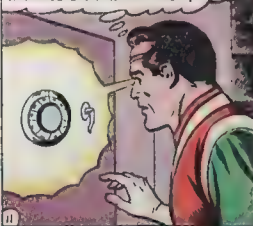
WHISPER! LOOK AT THEM TRYING TO APPEAR CHEERFUL WHEN THEIR HEARTS ARE ACHING WITH SORROW! QUICK! PUT OUR PLAN INTO OPERATION WHILE **SUPERGIRL'S** AWAY ON PATROL!

I'LL SLIP DOWN INTO HER LAB AT ONCE!



PRESENTLY, IN THE BASEMENT...

HM! A CONCEALED VAULT! THAT MUST BE WHERE KARA KEEPS THE GENUINE SAMPLES OF THE DIFFERENT KRYPTONITE VARIETIES SHE TOLD ME ABOUT!





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I DON'T HAVE THE COMBINATION, BUT I'LL USE MY SUPER-HEARING TO DETECT THE MOVEMENT OF THE TUMBLERS!



AS THE WALD DOOR SWINGS OPEN... **GOLD KRYPTONITE!** THE VARIETY WHICH WILL WIPE OUT OUR SUPER-POWERS PERMANENTLY! WHEN KARA DISCOVERS THAT WE CAN'T HELP HER IN HER SUPER-CAREER, SHE'LL REJECT US AS PARENTS...;CHOKE;; AND STAY WITH THE DANVERS!



BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

WAIT, **ZOR-EL**, DON'T OPEN THAT LEAD BOX! USING THAT **GOLD KRYPTONITE** WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING!

...IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO! YESTERDAY YOU SAVED OUR LIVES EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT LOSING YOUR FOSTER CHILD! DON'T YOU THINK I'M CAPABLE OF SELF-SACRIFICE, TOO?



DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU'RE HER PARENTS! **SUPERGIRL** WOULD LOVE YOU WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR SUPER-POWERS! PUT THAT BOX AWAY!

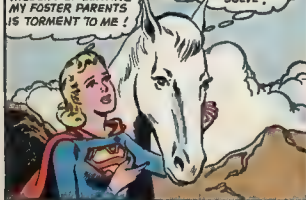
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER WAY-- WRIT, I THINK I HAVE IT!



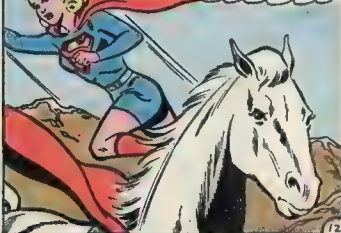
MEANWHILE, ON A DISTANT MOUNTAIN-TOP, **SUPERGIRL** CONSULTS WITH AN OLD FRIEND, **COMET**, THE SUPER-HORSE WITH POWERS OF TELEPATHY...

COMET, I LOVE MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS! ;CHOKE;; BUT THE THOUGHT OF LEAVING MY FOSTER PARENTS IS TORMENT TO ME!

HOW I WISH I COULD HELP YOU! BUT THE PROBLEM IS YOURS TO SOLVE!



YOU'RE RIGHT, **COMET**! GOODBYE! I MUST HURRY HOME FOR THE FAREWELL DINNER! I SHOULD BE THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD, YET I FEEL MISERABLE!





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BUT AT THE DANVER'S HOME...

I'M SORRY, SUPERGIRL! BUT YOUR PARENTS LEFT WHILE YOU WERE GONE! THEY ASKED YOU TO MEET THEM AT THE **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!**

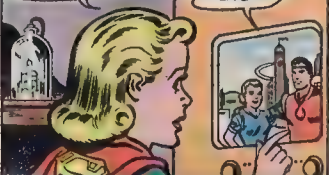
IT MUST BE SOME EMERGENCY! I'LL HURRY THERE AT ONCE!



AT THE FORTRESS, SUPERGIRL FINDS THE KANDORIAN MONITOR SCREEN IN OPERATION...

MOTHER! FATHER! YOU LEFT SO SUDDENLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN KANDOR?

WE USED YOUR REDUCING RAY TO ENTER THE BOTTLE! FOLLOW US AND WE'LL EXPLAIN!



SOON, INSIDE THE BOTTLED CITY...

MOTHER... FATHER, WHY DID YOU COME HERE TO KANDOR?

BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE WE BELONG, KARA, DEAR! HERE AMONG OUR OWN PEOPLE, OUR OLD FRIENDS FROM KRYPTON!



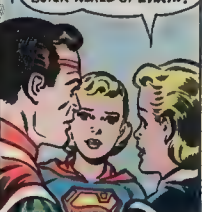
WE LIVED TOO LONG ON KRYPTON AND ARGO CITY TO BE HAPPY IN EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT! BUT WE'RE AT HOME HERE, WHERE KRYPTON'S CUSTOMS ARE STILL OBSERVED!

AND WE COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF TAKING YOU AWAY FROM YOUR FOSTER-PARENTS, THE DANVERS!



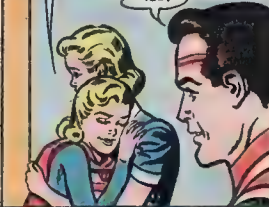
WE COULDN'T FORCE YOU TO CHOOSE BETWEEN US, SO WE DECIDED TO LIVE HERE IN KANDOR! WE'LL BE YOUR KANDORIAN PARENTS!

AND THE DANVERS WILL BE YOUR PARENTS IN THE OUTER WORLD OF EARTH!



MOTHER, FATHER! YOU'VE FOUND THE ANSWER! NOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?

YOUR HAPPINESS IS OURS, KARA! AND IF YOU EVER NEED OUR HELP, DEAR, WE'LL EMERGE FROM THE BOTTLE AND USE OUR SUPER-POWERS TO AID YOU!



LATER, AFTER SUPERGIRL LEAVES KANDOR AND RETURNS TO MIDVALE...

ZOR-EL, ALLURA... I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING US ON YOUR MONITOR IN KANDOR! I OFFER YOU A TOAST--BECAUSE YOU TURNED THIS FAREWELL PARTY INTO A HAPPY REUNION!

I'M THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD TO HAVE TWO SUCH WONDERFUL SETS OF PARENTS!



AND SO, SUPERGIRL IS NO LONGER AN ORPHAN! BUT WILL HER NEW-FOUND PARENTS COMPLICATE HER CAREER? WATCH FUTURE ISSUES!

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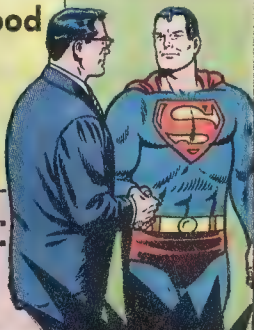
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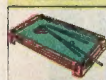
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